

In the Claims:

Please delete claims 1, 6-16 and 18-21.

Please amend claims 2, 3, 4, 5 and 17 to read as follows:

2. (Amended) A method of preventing or reducing fetal loss comprising administering an effective amount of an inhibitor of Fgl2 to an animal in need thereof.

3. (Amended) A method according to claim 2 wherein said inhibitor is an antibody that binds to Fgl2.

4. (Amended) A method according to Claim 3 wherein the antibody is a monoclonal antibody that binds to a human Fgl2, having the amino acid sequence as shown in SEQ.ID.NO. 2.

5. (Amended) A method according to claim 4 wherein the antibody binds an epitope of human Fgl2, comprising the amino acids at positions 364-378 DRYPSGNCGLYYSSG (SEQ.ID.NO. 18).

17. (Amended) A method for preventing or reducing fetal loss in an animal comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising an antibody ^{that binds to} specific for an Fgl2 protein in admixture with a suitable diluent or carrier.